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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Pankaj B. Patel
Serial No.: 09/859,608
Filing Date: 05/17/2001
For: REMOTE AUTHENTICATING BIOMETRIC
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR NETWORKS
AND THE LIKE
Group Art Unit No.: 2137
Examiner: Nadia Khoshnoodi
Attorney's Docket No.: PATEL-2

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed January 30, 2006 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from April 30, 2006 to July 30, 2006.

Applicant notes that inasmuch as July 30, 2006 falls on a Sunday, the response is actually due on Monday, July 31, 2006.

A check in the amount of \$ 510.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.
A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

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